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1. On 30 August 1954, a naval vessel was sighted about nine nautical miles southwest of Porkkala-Kallbada. The vessel was gray with a short fore-castle, just aft of which was a large deckhouse. Above the deckhouse was the bridge. Aft of the bridge was a mast with a flag hoist which flew an unidentified flag, and beyond the mast, there were two sets of twin antiaircraft guns. On the afterdeck, there were a mast and a gun. The gun was probably behind a shield. A little above the waterline, there was something which resembled a fender moulding. (See sketch 1) 25X1
  
2. At 0200 hours on 31 August, a large number of vessels moving in line formation at a speed of about ten knots was seen between Sursari (N 60-05, E 27-00) and Narvi (N 60-15, E 27-58) lights on a southerly course around Sursari Island. The vessels' lights were extinguished, but were lit and immediately extinguished again. The distance between the ships was about one nautical mile. The first two vessels had only a top lantern and port side lantern. Both vessels had something in tow which had no lantern. Behind them, there were three larger ships, all of the same size, each with one top lantern. Following were nine much smaller ships, each with one top lantern. The last three vessels in the formation were of the same size and a little smaller than the first three large vessels. They had two top lanterns. Cruising around them was a motorboat without lanterns. The last ship in line was using its radar. 25X1
  
3. On 31 August, a large cruiser was seen at anchor in Kronshadt roads. It was about 250 meters long and low in the water. It had a flush deck amidships on which, between the forward stack and the after mast, there was an unidentified structure covered with tarpaulins. (See sketch 2) In Kronshadt harbor, there were two destroyers. In the channel between Kronshadt and the Leningrad Morskoy Canal, there was a submarine on the way out. It was about 80 meters long. On the foredeck, there were twin light guns in a turret, and on the afterside of the bridge, there were two heavy machine 25X1

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guns. (See sketch 3.)

4. On 1 September, a motor vessel, about 40 meters long [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] was observed leaving Leningrad harbor. On the after side of the 25X1  
bridge, there was a mast with a radar antenna mounted atop it. On the  
afterdeck and the foredeck, there was a gun behind a shield. (See sketch  
4.) Submarine [redacted] on its way out of the harbor. It was about 80 meters 25X1  
long with twin guns on the foredeck and two machine guns just aft of the 25X1  
bridge. A little forward of the guns, there was a plate which [redacted]  
believed to be a hatch cover. On the outside of the ship, just under the  
hatch and on the upper half of the freeboard, there was a cylindrical object  
in a horizontal position. The cylinder appeared half sunk in the ship's  
hull, and half of it jutted out from the hull. The length was a little  
more than double that of the hatch cover. On the waterline, at the bow,  
there was a large trap door, from which torpedoes were probably fired.  
(See sketch 5.) Naval vessel [redacted] lay in Leningrad harbor. It had a raked 25X1  
bow and a cruiser stern, a flush deck, and one stack with a diagonally cut  
top and a white band. On the foredeck, there was one gun with a splinter  
shield. On the after side of the bridge, there was a signal mast with a  
radar antenna. There were machine guns on each side of the afterdeck. By  
the stern frame, there were depth charges on rails that ran out a short dis-  
tance over the water. (See sketch 6.)
5. On 8 September, four naval vessels were observed at N59-28, E 22-01, from  
0527 to 0627 hours. All were of the same type, about 50 meters long with  
slightly raked bow, cruiser stern, and a long forecastle with one gun behind  
a splinter shield. The greater part of the bridge was situated on the fore-  
castle, and the rest of it was on the deck aft of the forecastle. On the  
after side of the bridge, there was a mast of the tripod type with two signal  
arms. A little aft of the forecastle, there was a high stack with a diagon-  
ally cut top. On the after side of the midships structure, there was one  
gun behind a shield, and another of the same type was on the afterdeck.  
The stern frame was rounded. [redacted] 25X1  
(See sketch 7.) Another vessel of the same type was observed separately at 25X1  
about the same time. A naval vessel about 50 meters long [redacted]  
was also observed from 0527 to 0627 hours. The vessel had a long fore-  
castle with one gun behind a shield on the foredeck. The greater part of  
the bridge was on the forecastle. In the middle of the bridge, there was  
a mast, and aft of the bridge was a short stack which was slightly raked.  
[redacted] the vessel was diesel powered. Somewhat aft of 25X1  
amidships, there were two depth charge throwers, and one gun was located  
aft behind a splinter shield. The cruiser stern was out off vertically.  
Above the stern frame, there was a davit on the starboard side. (See sketch  
8.)
6. At the Zhdanov Shipyard in Leningrad, some naval vessels were being built  
or undergoing repairs. There were a large heavy crane and a lighter crane  
at the shipyard. At the Marti Shipyard, a large vessel was under construc-  
tion. [redacted] two high masts around which scaffolding had been put 25X1  
up. The forward mast reached as high as the seventh story of a nearby  
house. Both masts were painted with red lead. (See sketch 9.) On the  
shipyard grounds, there was a large statue of Lenin.

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7. On the south bank of the Morskoy Canal at Zheleznaya Damba (iron dike), there were three large oil storage tanks. [redacted] eight cranes at Ugolny pier (coal pier). In the coal harbor, eight cranes at the northeastern quay of the Khlebniy-Lesnoy dock (grain and timber dock), and four cranes with a capacity of eight tons each at Levaya Damba (left dike) on the Morskoy Canal.

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[redacted] Comment: The naval vessels represented in the sketches were identified as follows:

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- Sketch 1, unidentified.
- Sketch 2, cruiser of the SVYERDLOV Class.
- Sketch 3, submarine, possibly of the Z Class.
- Sketch 4, submarine, chaser of the KRONSTADT Class.
- Sketch 5, unidentified submarine.
- Sketch 6, submarine chaser of the KRONSTADT Class.
- Sketch 7, minesweeper of the T-700 Class.
- Sketch 8, minesweeper of the T-301 Class.
- Sketch 9, probably a cruiser.

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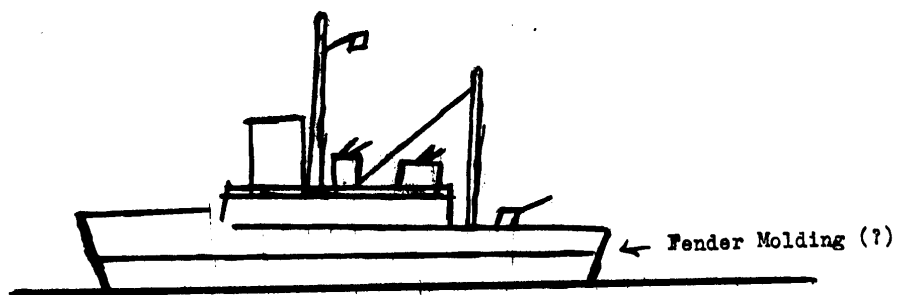
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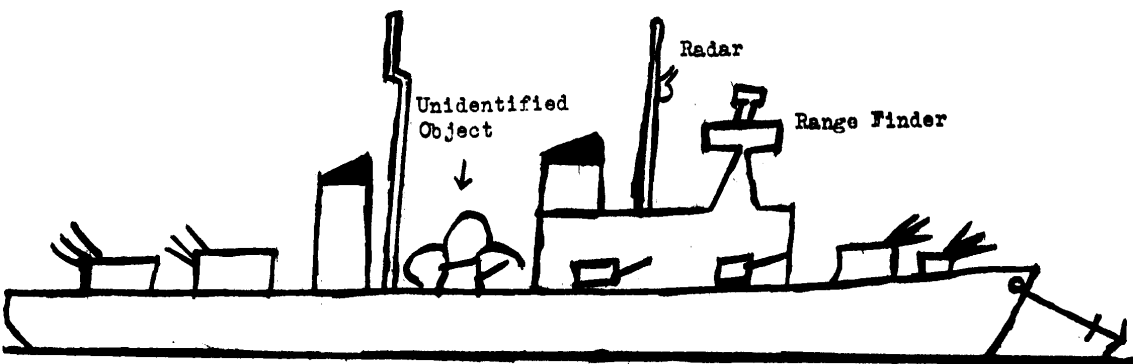
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Sketch 1. Unidentified Naval Vessel Sighted 30 August 1954



Sketch 2. Cruiser Observed at Kronstadt Roads 31 August 1954



Sketch 3. Submarine Observed Leaving Kronstadt Harbor 31 August 1954

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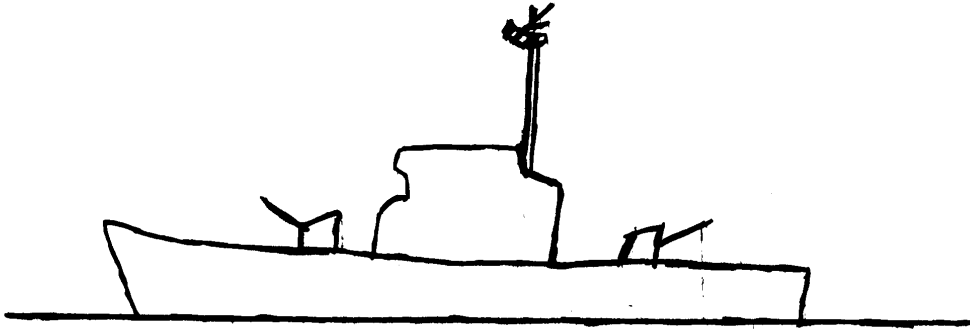
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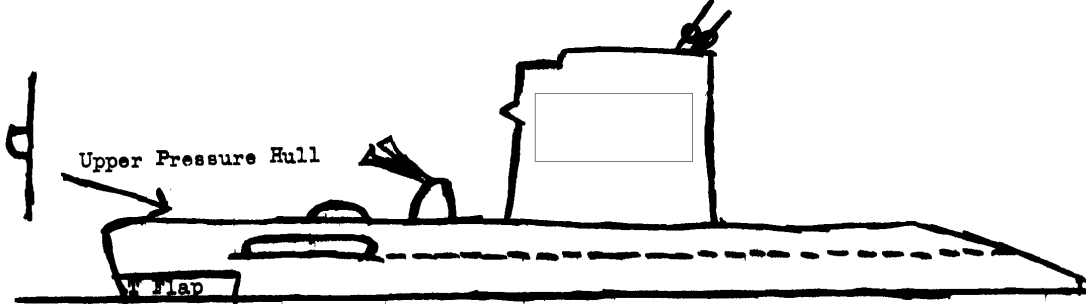
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Radar



Sketch 4. Motor Vessel Observed Leaving Leningrad Harbor 1 September 1954

Machine Guns



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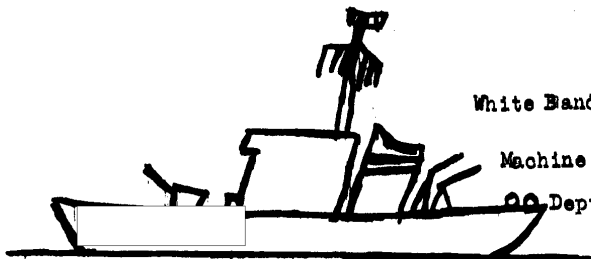
Sketch 5. Submarine Observed Leaving Leningrad Harbor 1 September 1954

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White Band Encircling Stack

Machine Guns

Depth Charges



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Sketch 6. Naval Vessel Observed in Leningrad Harbor 1 September 1954

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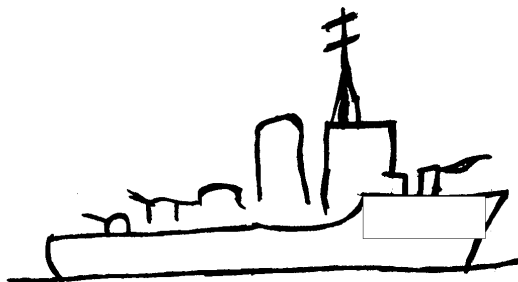
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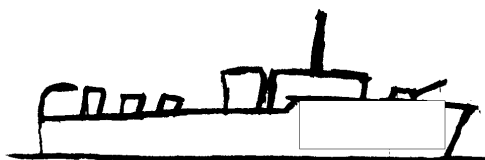
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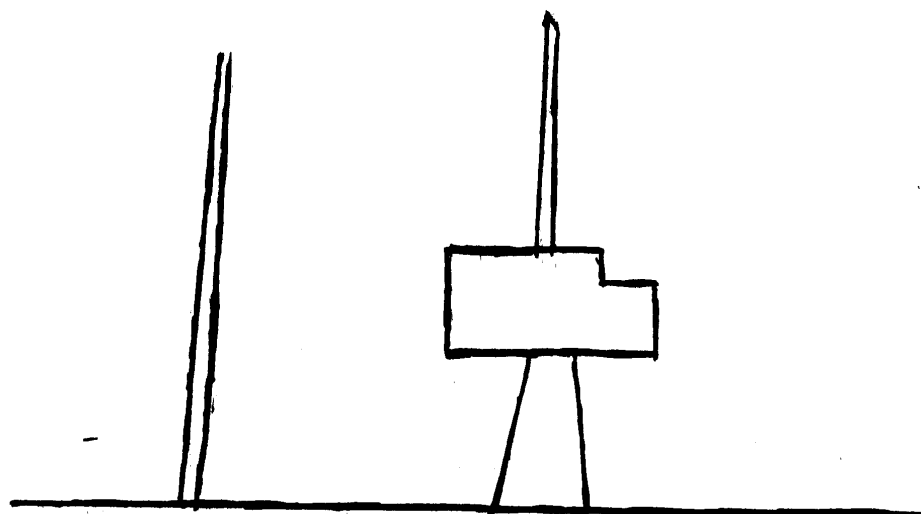
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Sketch 7. Naval Vessel Sighted on 2 September 1954



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Sketch 8. Naval Vessel Sighted on 2 September 1954



Sketch 9. Masts of Vessel Observed under Construction at the Marti Shallow

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